

INFORMATIONAL MEETING OF
THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

An informational meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, August 9, 2006, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman
Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.
W. Allen Jones

Mark Davis (representing Michael T. Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture)
Ann Visalli (representing Jack Markell, State Treasurer)

Absent: Alden Hopkins, Lyn Davenport, William Vanderwende, and Dennis Clay.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Danielle Klosowski, Cathy Mesick, Scott Blaier, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Esq., and Mr. Phil Tuthill.

Chairman Garey opened the informational meeting at 8:35 a.m. and as we did not have enough Board members for a quorum it was decided to hold an informational committee meeting instead of a regular meeting.

- I. Michael Parkowski, Michael McGrath and Chairman Garey discussed the New Castle County selection criteria.
- II. Michael Parkowski and Chairman Garey discussed the difficulty of getting members to attend the meetings. Michael Parkowski suggested conference calls would help.
- III. Michael McGrath discussed Foundation funding for operating expenses and said that we should be getting our operating money by October. Ann Visalli said that she would contact Finance and see if this process could be completed in a timelier manner. Mike McGrath suggested that a resolution from the Farm Bureau and the Grange would help in getting the Foundation placed in the State's operating budget, rather than the Bond Bill.
- IV. Changes in the extent of monitoring required to oversee the properties in our program, and changes in the ownership of farm property, will continue to increase our workload into the foreseeable future.
- V. As there was no further information to be shared, the meeting ended at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Garey
Chairman